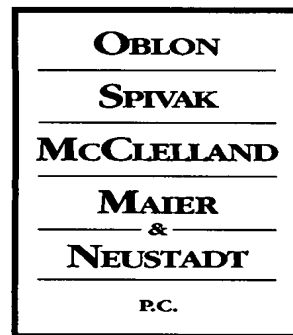




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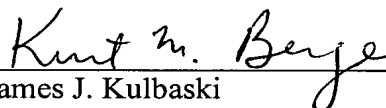
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Our credit card payment form in the amount of \$130.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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The correct inventors were named in the application when filed. By virtue of the restriction requirement electing Group I (Claims 1-28), less than all of the originally named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention presently being claimed. Specifically, the inventions of Mr. Mitsuo Ando are no longer being claimed in the application, and so it is respectfully requested that his name be deleted as an inventor. The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is attached.

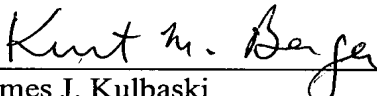
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